

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1-34 (Cancelled)

35. (New) A pneumatic tool comprising a circular cylinder, a piston slidably accommodated in said circular cylinder, a driver blade integrally formed with said piston, and a sleeve valve portion for driving said piston when compression air is supplied from an accumulator chamber via a trigger valve portion, wherein

said trigger valve portion further comprising:

a plunger shifting in response to a trigger operation by a user;

a valve piston having a surface allowing a slide movement relative to said plunger and shifting in a direction opposed to a shifting direction of said plunger; and

a valve bush having a surface slidably supporting said plunger and said valve piston so as to allow slide movements of said plunger and said valve piston, and

a seal member provided on one of said valve piston and said plunger causing a slide movement relative to said valve piston; and

combined grooves and ridges formed on the other of said valve piston and said plunger.

36. (New) The pneumatic tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein said ridges cooperatively define an effective diameter of a guide along which said seal member is guided, and said grooves define an effective area of a relief passage of said compression air.

37. (New) The pneumatic tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein said grooves and ridges are arranged alternately and extend in an axial direction of said plunger.

38. (New) A pneumatic tool comprising a circular cylinder, a piston slidably accommodated in said cylinder, a driver blade integrally formed with said piston, and a sleeve valve portion for driving said piston when compression air is supplied from an accumulator chamber via a trigger valve portion, wherein

said trigger valve portion further comprising:

a plunger shifting in response to a trigger operation by a user;

a valve piston having a surface allowing a slide movement relative to said plunger and shifting in a direction opposed to a shifting direction of said plunger; and

a valve bush having a surface slidably supporting said plunger and said valve piston so as to allow slide movements of said plunger and said valve piston;

a seal member provided on either said valve bush or one of said plunger and said valve piston causing a slide movement relative to said valve bush; and

combined grooves and ridges formed on the other of said valve bush or said one of said plunger and said valve piston.

39. (New) The pneumatic tool in accordance with claim 4, wherein said ridges cooperatively define an effective diameter of a guide along which said seal member is guided, and said grooves define an effective area of a relief passage of said compression air.

40. (New) The pneumatic tool in accordance with claim 4, wherein said grooves and ridges are arranged alternately and extend in an axial direction of said plunger.